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# 48<sup>th</sup> Operations Group: a tradition of excellence

By Col. Norm Seip 48th Operations Group commander

The 48<sup>th</sup> Operations Group has a tradition of excellence in support of the 48<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing mission. Every member of our team can be proud of their accomplishments.

From exercises to real-world deployments around the globe, the men and women of the 48th Operations Group have always risen to tough challenges. Like the torch held by Lady Liberty, we hold our successes up high as proof that we can get the mission "done right—first time—on time."

Everyday our challenge is to be prepared and ready for any mission we may be called upon to support. Everything we do, from putting bombs on target,

gaining air superiority, providing accurate weather information, flawless air traffic control, stellar airfield management, and superb intelligence to generating sorties and maintaining our aircraft, is a reflection of our commitment to this wing, to the U.S. Air Force, and to our nation.

The last several years for the 48th OG and her four squadrons have been just like the years before them: fast paced. We've deployed to Operations JOINT ENDEAVOR, JOINT GUARD, DENY FLIGHT and DELIBERATE FORCE at Aviano Air Base, Italy; PROVIDE COMFORT and NORTHERN WATCH in Turkey; AFRICAN EAGLE in Morocco; MAPLE FLAG in Canada; and a dozen other missions and exercises, literally all over the world.

With all of this going on, it would be easy

for us to say we're too busy to do a good job – but that's not our standard and our legacy is excellence. In 1996, our units and people were recognized as award winners across the U.S. Air Forces in Europe and the entire Air Force.

Among those units were the 494th Fighter Squadron, which received the U.S. Air Force's Maintenance Effectiveness Award for best flightline maintenance. Additionally, the 493rd FS was USAFE's outstand-

ing air defense squadron. Both the 492nd and 493rd Fighter Squad-

rons were key players in our reaction force tactical evaluation that was called "best seen to date" and resulted in the wing being recognized with NATO's certificate of commendation.

Our people are just as impressive. TSgt. Gary Stevenson, a 48th Operations Support Squadron weather forecaster, was recognized as the Air Force's Outstanding

Weather Forecaster. SMSgt. Steven Crocker, 48th OSS, was USAFE's Air Traffic Control Enlisted Manager of the Year, while MSgt. Glenn Cobb, also in the 48th OSS, was USAFE's Airfield Management NCO of the year. From maintenance, TSgt. Milo Ferry, 493rd FS, was USAFE's dedicated crew chief of the year. There are many more, but I think it's obvious from just these few that the caliber of our team is extremely high.

The leadership, initiative, determination, and professionalism of the 48th OG is an inspiration to those inside and outside our group. We have a proud history and a bright future. We're proud of who we are and we take pride in what we do, because what we do each and every day makes a difference--in the 48th Fighter Wing and in our Air Force.



Surety Inspection countdown

39 days

# Lest we forget

A POW/MIA Day ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. Sept. 19 at Wings of Liberty Park.

# **48th Operations** Group

# Commander



Col. Norman Seip

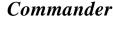
# 492nd **Fighter** Squadron

493rd **Fighter Squadron** 

494th **Fighter Squadron** 

**Operations Support Squadron** 

Commander



Commander

Commander









Lt. Col. William Polowitzer **Time in service:** 19 years Time on station: 18 months **DEROS:**February 1999

Lt. Col. Mark Barrett Lt. Col. John Hesterman **Time in service:** 18 years Time in service: 14 years Time on station: 19 months **Time on station**: 20 months DEROS: March 1999 **DEROS:**January 1999

Lt. Col. Richard Martin Time in service: 17 years Time on station: 24 months **DEROS:**August 1998

First Sergeant

First Sergeant

First Sergeant

First Sergeant



MSgt. Jimmy Donica

Time on station: 13 months

Time in service: 17 years

**DEROS:** August 1999



MSgt. Gene Harrel **Time in service:** 17 years Time on station: 2 years DEROS: June 1999

MSgt. David Morton Time in service: 17 years **Time on station:** 14 months DEROS: July 1999

MSgt. William Maxwell Time in service: 19 years Time on station: 2 months DEROS: July 2000

# 48th Operations Support Squadron

The 48th Operations Support Squadron is at the tip of the Liberty Wing sword, providing essential support functions for flying and maintenance operations of three F-15 fighter squadrons. The 230 personnel in the 48th OSS are organized into six diverse flights; airfield operations, current operations, intelligence, maintenance, weapons and tactics, and weather. It furnishes air traffic services and weather support for local and transient aircraft; constructs and coordinates plans for combat operations and peacetime training; and provides management oversight for aircraft maintenance and aircrew training activities. In addition, the squadron provides orderly room support to the 48th Operations Group staff.

# History

Constituted the 48th Airdrome Squadron Jan. 25, 1943, the unit was activated Feb. 1 the same year at Herington Army Air Base, Kansas. The unit was disbanded April 1, 1944, and reconstituted and redesignated by the objective wing reorganization as a new squadron, the 48th OSS, Feb. 3, 1992, to provide direct operational support to the 48th Fighter Wing.

The squadron was originally organized as a command section with seven flights created from 13 previously separate organizations and staff offices. The initial challenge was to absorb, restructure, and manage the functions of air traffic control, base operations, weather, intelligence, and numerous other operations and maintenance staff functions.



Photo by SrA. Scott Asche

## SSgt. Phil Turner and SrA. Penny Trantina-Bora check the forecast in the weather flight.

With a new year comes many new challenges met eagerly by the men and women of the Liberty Wing's support squadron. In 1997, the 48th OSS will attack many issues to include: combat edge, life support equipment and associated funding issues, maintaining an aggressive flying hour program, meeting airshow requirements with a reduced budget, locating a suitable range where the wing can drop GBU-10s, 15s, and 24s, acquiring the computer assets to effectively utilize a blossoming on-line, real-time, intelligence community, planning for and programming to build a self-contained intelligence community, and bringing a much needed, new Regional Approach Control Facility on-line; just to name a few.

The perseverance and dedication of the men and women of the 48th OSS will ensure that we are just as successful this year as we have been in the past.



A1C Allyson Knowlton, air traffic controller, works in the new Radar Approach Control Facility.





CMSgt. Rickey Ames 494 FS Maintenance Support Time in service:23 years Time on station:1 week DEROS: August 2000



CMSgt. Jerry Wilson 493 FS maintenance superintendent Time in service: 25 years Time on station: 45 months DEROS: June 1998



CMSgt. James Seever Maintenance superintendent Time in service: 27 years Time on station: 4 months DEROS: April 2000

48th Operations

**Group Chiefs** 



CMSgt. Eugene Newton Chief, controller, RAPCON Time in service: 25 years Time on station: 3 years DEROS: July 1998



CMSgt. Derrick
Brooks
Wing weapons manager
Time in service: 25
years
Time on station: 2
months
DEROS: August 2000



CMSgt. Deb Bayles
Chief, maintenance
flight
Time in service: 22
years
Time on station: 2 years
DEROS: December 1999



CMSgt. Robert Midkiff Time in service: 29 years DEROS: July 1998

# 'Madhatters'

# 492nd Fighter Squadron

The 492nd Fighter Squadron "Madhatters" employ the F-15E Strike Eagle. The squadron has more than 350 operations, maintenance, and administrative personnel from 15 different job specialty codes. The maintenance personnel, under the direction of the squadron maintenance officer, inspect, repair, and load the aircraft to support higher headquarters taskings and aircrew training requirements. Operations personnel, under the direction of the operations officers, employ the aircraft in peacetime training missions and in support of NATO, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Joint Combat Operations worldwide. The Strike Eagle is capable of delivering the full spectrum of air-to-ground munitions to include strike, conventional, electro-optical, and laserguided precision munitions, and the full array of radar and infra-red air-to-air missiles in any theater of operations worldwide.

# History

The 492nd Fighter Squadron, originally the 55th Bombardment Squadron, was activated in January 1941 and designated as the 492nd Fighter-Bomber Squadron in August 1943. The squadron flew A-18, A-20, A-35, P-39, P-40, and P-47 aircraft dur-

From left, SrA. Dan Bowen, SSgt. David Jordan and A1C Christian Arvin, 492nd Squadron Fighter weapons flight, load an AIM-9 sidewinder on to an F-15E.

ing World War II.

squadron is known for its tradition of adopting the headgear unique to the country in which the squadron is based. Accordingly, the aircrew wore berets in France, and now, in the United Kingdom, squadron aircrews wear both the Scoti S h Glengarry, for informal occasions, and the traditional British Bowler for

formal events.

The squadron emblem is also noteworthy as it depicts the versatility of this combat-proven unit. A fierce red kestrel, a falcon known for its tremendous flying ability, dominates the emblem. Below the kestrel is the torch of freedom, highlighting the 492nd FS's premier role in the Statue of Liberty Wing.

After deactivation in November 1945,

the squadron was reactivated at Nicknamed the "Madhatters," the Chaumont AB, France, in July 1952. During this time, the squadron re-

> ruary 54), F-86Fs (November 53 - November 56), and F-100Ds (September 56 -April 72), before transferring to RAF Lakenheath in 1960. The squadron later transitioned to F-4D's in October 1971. to F-111Fs in March 1977, and to the F-15E in 1992. May Throughout its proud heritage and service, the 492nd has significantly contributed

ceived F-84Gs (July 52 - Feb-

to NATO and the United States Air Forces in Europe. In recognition of these contributions, the 492 FS was named the Outstanding Fighter Squadron in USAFE for 1986.

In March 1992, the squadron became USAFE's first unit to transition to the F-15E Strike Eagle. The squadron was declared mission-ready July 1, 1993.



Photo by Amn. Joseph Lozada

# 48th Operations Group

# Fly, fight, win

The 48th Operations Group consists of 1,300 people in four squadrons. They are tasked with providing combat ready aircraft and aircrew in support of U.S. and NATO missions. The commander is Col. Norm Seip, a command pilot with more than 3,900 hours in a variety of aircraft, including the F-4, F-14, and F-15.

The aircrew and aircraft of the operations group are in the 492nd, 493rd, and 494th Fighter Squadrons. These three squadrons, operating 72 aircraft, are responsible for conducting air operations as tasked. Aircrew gain and maintain proficiency in employing precision guided munitions, air-to-air ordnance, and the full array of conventional and strike weapons. Last fiscal year, the operations group flew almost 22,000 hours in training and combat missions. As always, the objective is to train so that our pilots have the edge in combat, where there are no points for second place. The 48th Operations Support Squadron, the fourth squadron of the operations group, provides the many vital support functions which are required to keep an airfield operational. Such capabilities are airfield management, air traffic control, weather support, life support, and the flight simulator program. Other flights include intelligence, plans and scheduling, weapons and tactics, and maintenance operations.



Photo by SrA. Jeff Capenos



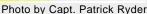




Photo by SrA. Jeff Capenos

# 48th Operations Group Goals and Objectives

# Readiness:

#### Best trained and equipped team in USAFE

- ☐ Maintain a minimum of 75 percent of all aircrews at a Level B Graduated Combat Capability.
- ☐ Maintain a minimum of 95 percent attendance rate for all scheduled maintenance/ancillary training classes.
- ☐ Achieve a minimum of 90 percent first time CDC pass rate for all AFSC's.

## Most responsive and ready community in USAFE

- ☐ Meet or exceed all DOC specified generation/deployment timing for any exercise/real world tasks.
  - ☐ Exceed the USAFE Mission Capable rates for our F-15 C/E aircraft.
- ☐ Achieve "excellent" ratings in the May 97 USAFE Stan Eval and Ops Functional Area Inspection and October 97 surety inspection.

#### Promote efficient and innovative use of resources

- ☐ Work with headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe in developing a Maintenance Resource Management Program that targets flight line maintenance efficiency.
- ☐ Benchmark off of efficiency success stories from the ACC Logistics Operations Advisory Team findings, and other MAJCOM's action workout results and best practices.
- ☐ Develop in coordination with the Communications Squadron a comprehensive computer and electronic information highway road map for each squadron.

## Engagement

## Foster good Anglo-American relations

- ☐ Meet with local parishes and councils once per quarter to address local flying issues and concerns.
  - ☐ Support all public affairs office-sponsored base tours.

## Foster joint, NATO, and coalition teamwork

- ☐ Participate to the maximum extent possible in all Joint, NATO/ RAF sponsored base tours.
  - ☐ Support all Mil-to-Mil and Partnership in Peace taskings.
- ☐ Expand our quarterly "War Day" program to include RAF and other NATO allies.
- ☐ Initiate a 48th Operations /Group exchange program with the French Air Force.

## Quality of Life

#### Enhance the quality of our working and living environment

- ☐ Begin renovation of the 492nd and 494th maintenance facilities.
  - ☐ Start work on the HAS improved lighting project.
- ☐ Complete design work and obligate funds for the Hangar 6 renovation project.

# Sustain our commitment to health and fitness

- ☐ Promote individual and family participation in all base intramural, fitness, and recreation programs.
- ☐ Achieve at least a 95 percent completion rate and 90 percent pass rate in the ergometry program.

# Promote professional and personal growth built upon core

- ☐ Increase our CCAF graduation rate by 5 percent.
- ☐ Increase off duty education enrollment by 5 percent.
- ☐ Actively promote officer and enlisted PME and USAF officer commissioning programs.
- ☐ Promote AF Core Values at the flight level in every squadron through an aggressive "Leadership by Example" process.

# <u>'Grim Reapers'</u>

# 493rd Fighter Squadron

The 493rd Fighter Squadron is the air Squadron (Dive) on Aug. 28, 1942, the superiority arm of the Liberty Wing. The 290-person unit flies and main-

tains F-15C Eagles equipped with the multi-staged improvement program, making the 493rd the world's most advanced air superiority squadron. The vision of the 493rd FS is to guarantee dominant air superiority for the most lethal composite strike team...the team that leaders choose for the t o u g h e s t missions...any time, any place. Their motto, "The Gold Standard," is excellence in everything they do--always! squadron remained in Georgia until

Aug. 15, 1943. At this time. they moved to William Northern Field, Tenn., and were redesignated the 493rd Fighter Bomber Squadron, conducting replace-

ment training in the P-39. The squadron saw action in

World War II flying the P-47 Thunderbolt in the European theater. Flying operations proceeded from numerous aerodromes: Ibsley, England; Deux

Jumeaux, Villacoublay, and Cambia/Nigergaries, France; St. Trond, Belgium; Kelz, Kassel, and Illesheim, Germany; then back to France at Leon. The squadron was credited with 11 aerial victories by the end of the war. The squadron then moved to Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., and inactivated Nov. 7, 1945.

Reactivated on June 25, 1952, the 493rd Fighter Bomber Squadron was assigned to Chaumont AB, France, flying the F-84G Thunderjet. In 1953, the squadron began flying the F-86F Sabre and in 1956 changed to the new F-100

Super Sabre. On July 8, 1958, the squadron was redesignated the 493rd Tactical Fighter Squadron.

The squadron made its final move on Jan. 6, 1960, to RAF Lakenheath and continued to fly the F-100 Super Sabre until 1972. From 1972 to 1977, the 493rd flew the F-4D Phantom II until adopting the F-111F Aardvark. The 493rd TFS received its last redesignation in February 1992, becoming the 493rd Fighter

The 493rd saw combat in the F-111F twice. First, the squadron led the 1986 bombing of Libya (Operation Eldorado Canyon), and more recently during Operation Desert Storm for the liberation of Kuwait. The 493rd FS closed its F-111F contributions through its support of Operation Provide Comfort, aiding the United Nations peacekeeping efforts. The squadron was inactivated on Dec. 14, 1992.

The 493rd Fighter Squadron was reactivated, flying air superiority F-15Cs, on Jan. 7, 1994, and was declared missionready on June 12, 1994. It returned to Operation Provide Comfort from June to December 1994. Since September 1995, the "Grim Reapers" have participated in 12 deployments to four different countries, performing a variety of missions to include: air patrol missions over Northern Iraq to enforce the U.N. "no-fly zone" in support of Operations Provide Comfort and Northern Watch, and participation in the Joint Chiefs of Staff exercise African Eagle 1996 in Morocco.

# History

Originally constituted the 56th Bombardment Squadron (Light) on Nov. 20, 1940, the squadron activated on Jan. 15, 1941, at Savannah, Ga., flying the A-18. On May 23, 1941, operations moved to Will Rogers Field, Okla., and crews began flying the A-20.

On Feb. 27, 1942, the squadron moved back to Savannah and began conducting anti-submarine patrols. Redesignated the 56th Bombardment

> SrA. Rou Reffegee, left, and A1C Shawn Coots fit a mask on Capt. Jerry Heikkinen, **48th Operations** Group, at the 493rd life support section.



Photo by Amn. Joseph Lozada

# <u>'Panthers'</u>

# 494th Fighter Squadron

The 494th Fighter Squadron is responsible for the maintenance and operation of 26F-15E Strike Eagle aircraft valued in excess of \$1.4 billion and more than 400 equipment items and special tools worth more than \$7.5 million. The squadron executes strategic attack, interdiction, and counter-air missions in support of U.S. Air Forces in Europe, U.S. European Command, and NATO war plans using the dualrole F-15E Strike Eagle, the most versatile fighter in the world. There are 250 maintenance personnel assigned within 10 different Air Force specialty codes maintaining the advanced weapon system and 80 aircrews trained to employ air-to-air missiles and the full array of laser-guided, electro-optical munitions in any theater of operations in the world.

The squadron's most recent combat operations include: Operation Provide Comfort, Deny Flight, Deliberate Force, Decisive Edge, and Northern Watch. During Operation Deliberate Force the squadron flew 115 combat sorties in NATO's campaign to bring warring Bosnian factions to the peace table and achieved the highest success rate of any unit participating in the operation. The squadron also employed the GBU-15 weapon during the campaign — the first ever by an F-15 in combat. Despite an aggressive flying hour program, both at home and at deployed locations, the 494th FS received the 1996 Air Force Maintenance Effectiveness Award making the 494th the best squadron maintenance team in the Air Force. Most recently, the unit was awarded the Air Force Association's Citation of Honor for outstanding achievement in 1996.

# History

The 494th Fighter Squadron's lineage begins with the designation of the 57th Bombardment Squadron (Light) Nov. 20, 1940, and later activated Jan. 20, 1941, flying the A-18 trainer and A-20 "Havoc" aircraft. The 57th was redesignated as a "Dive" squadron Aug. 28, 1942, flying the A-35. Aug. 10, 1943, the 57th was redesignated the 494th Fighter Bomber Squadron, flying the famous P-40 "Warhawk," and P-39 "Airacobra." On May 30, 1944, the 494th Fighter Bomber Squadron was assigned to

Ibsley, England, and redesig-

nated the 494th Fighter Squadron, flying the

P-47 "Thunderbolt." After flying in numer-

In 1972, the 494th Tactical Fighter Squadron Panthers received their first F-4D "Phantoms" as part of a project



Photo by SrA. Scott Asche

SSgt. Ted Lovdahl, left, and SrA. Kevin Carter, 494th Fighter Squadron, upload the data-link pod on an F-15.

ous campaigns, the 494th Fighter Squadron was inactivated on Nov. 7, 1945, at Seymour Johnson Field, N.C.

On June 25, 1952, the 494th Fighter Squadron was reactivated and redesignated as the 494th Fighter Bomber Squadron. The "Panthers" transferred to Chaumont Air Base, France, where they took the stick of the Air Force's F-84 "Thunder Streak." While

at Chaumont, the Panthers transitioned to the F-86 "Sa-

bre Jet," which they flew from 1954 to 1956. In 1956, the Panthers transitioned to a new aircraft, the F-100 "Super Sabre." In 1958, the 494th Fighter Bomber Squadron was once again redesignated. The 494th Tactical Fighter Squadron left France and set up their new den at RAF Lakenheath on Jan. 15,

called "Creek Phantom." The flow of F-4Ds was interrupted, however, by Air Force needs in Southeast Asia. By the summer of 1974, the remaining F-4Ds had arrived, bringing the squadron's total number of aircraft to 24.

The 494th Tactical Fighter Squadron's affair with the F-4D was short-lived, however, with the wing's conversion to the F-111F "Aardvark" in the spring of 1977. The Panthers' campaigns in the F-111F included "Eldorado Canyon" in April 1986, Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, August 1990 through May 1991, and Operation Provide Comfort, from May 1991 to August 1992

Under the new objective wing reorganization, the 494th Tactical Fighter Squadron combined with the "Red" Aircraft Maintenance Unit of the 48th Aircraft Generation Squadron Feb. 1, 1992, to become the 494th Fighter Squadron. With the reorganization came an aircraft conversion. The Panthers would give up the F-111F "Aardvark" for the F-15E "Strike Eagle," the Air Force's most sophisticated multi-role fighter aircraft.

Since the conversion to the F-15E aircraft, the Panthers have participated in Operation Deny Flight, June - October 1995; Operation Deliberate Force, August - September 1995; and Operation Joint Endeavor/Decisive Edge, January - March 1996.



# **News** notes

# 100-percent ID checks at gates

The 48th Security Forces Squadron controls entry to RAF Lakenheath by conducting 100-percent hands-on identification checks 24 hours a day. All vehicles are required to display a valid installation vehicle registration form (Third Air Force Form 26 or Air Force Form 75) when on base. People entering the base can make entry checks quicker by having their IDs ready and installation vehicle registration displayed. For safety reasons, people should remove their ID cards from purses and wallets before driving to the base rather than remove the ID while driving. Also, vehicles must have a current road tax disc displayed.

# TDY people exempt from dues

A new U.S. Air Forces in Europe policy letter exempts TDY personnel from paying club dues while on temporary duty to a location without a club.

"The most valuable asset of an Air Force Club is its membership," said Gen Michael Ryan, USAFE commander, in a policy letter dated Aug. 21. "Members traditionally are assessed dues to support the club infrastructure, which is critical to financial solvency. A club, like any other membership association, is only as strong as its relationship with its members. Many USAFE military and civilian club members are deployed from over 30 to 180 days to a location without a club, and should not be paying dues during this period."

RAFLakenheath club members who will be TDY for 30 or more days to a location that doesn't have a club should go to their club or the Nonappropriated Accounting Office, located next to Donutland, with a copy of their TDY orders, and a TDY duty phone number, if known. A staff member will complete an Account Maintenance Form to stop the charging of dues until the member returns.

The following locations in USAFE have clubs and members deployed to these locations are not eligible for dues exemption: Aviano AB, Ramstein AB, Spangdahlem AB, Rhein Main AB, Incirlik AB, RAF Mildenhall, RAF Molesworth, RAF Croughton, Sembach AB, and Izmir AS.

If you have questions regarding this new policy, call George Jones, Business Operations Flight Chief at Ext. 4417.

### Hazardous recall: Armor All QuickSilver Wheel Cleaner

DALLAS (AFNS) — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has issued a hazardous recall to exchanges worldwide for three Armor All Quicksilver Wheel Cleaner products.

The Clorox Company of Oakland, Calif., makers of Armor All products, voluntary recalled Armor All Quicksilver Wheel Cleaner products containing ammonium bifluoride and ammonium fluoride. This formula can be fatal if swallowed by small children and the product has been implicated in the death of a child.

AAFES sold three products they advise customers with children to stop using immediately: Quicksilver Wheel Cleaner, 20-ounce spray; Quicksilver Bonus, a 25-ounce-size wheel cleaner; and 16-ounce Quicksilver with Tire Foam. No other Armor All products are involved in this recall.

Exchange customers in Europe, the Pacific, Panama and Puerto Rico should return the products to their nearest post or base exchange, or write to the Clorox Company for a refund at 1221 Broadway, Oakland, Calif. 94612.

## USAF Test Pilot School selection board convenes

The next annual U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School selection board meets Jan. 26. New applications must be submitted by Nov. 21 to: HQ AFPC/DPAOY3, 550 C Street West, STE 31, Randolph AFB, TX, 78150-4733. Officers with applications on file must update their applications by Nov. 21. Continental United States applicants must have one year time-on-station and overseas applicants must be within 60 days of completing their required overseas tour by the test pilot school class report date.

## Mandatory uniform changes

It is mandatory to wear the U.S. Air Forces in Europe patch on the right pocket of the battle dress uniform beginning Oct. 1. Also, wear of the new stripes is mandatory Oct. 1. Wear of the aircrew-style name patch will no longer be authorized after Sept. 30. Call the military personnel flight at Ext.1845 for more guidance.

# Recruiting positions open

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) – The Air Force currently has approximately 265 recruiting positions open for staff sergeants, 140 for technical sergeants and 20 slots for master sergeants.

Members must have less than 16 years of total active federal military service. Senior airmen with between three and six years are also eligible to apply.

For more information, call the military personnel flight's customer service section at Ext. 1854 or call the Recruit-the-Recruiter team at DSN 487-3511 or 3512 or commercial (210) 652-3511 or 3512.

## Clubs extend drive

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) – Air Force Services is extending its club membership drive through Sept. 30.

"The club membership drive, 'Traditions Begin with You,' has been an overwhelming success," said Frank Black, chief of the club branch for Air Force Services Agency in San Antonio. "More than 18,000 new members have already joined the club. Of these new members, 7,200 were recruited by current members and employees as part of our referral program."

Because of the recruiting success and requests to extend the drive, sponsors have agreed to provide additional support to continue the membership drive beyond its original ending date of July 31.

"Our sponsors have enhanced the promotion by adding four additional vacation packages for two to anywhere American Airlines flies (now totaling eight vacation packages in all), five \$2,000 (Army and Air Force Exchange Service) gift certificates, and 50 Coca-Cola sports jackets," Black added.

Individuals who join an Air Force club and current club members who recruit them are eligible to win.

Local clubs have more information about the membership drive and prize drawings.

# Dispose of medication carefully

People who have prescription medication they no longer need should turn it in to the 48th Medical Group pharmacy for destruction.

The base pharmacy has a contract with a hazardous waste firm that picks up damaged or expired pharmaceuticals. During non-duty hours, medications can be turned in at the emergency room. For more information, call Ext. 2394.

British pharmaceuticals also accept returned pharmaceuticals for destruction.

#### Air National Guard

The Massachusetts Air National Guard in Westfield has vacancies. Individuals interested in a Palace Chase/Front Assignment should call MSgt. Val Popoli, TSgt. Deborah Shilaikis or TSgt. Pete Thompson at DSN 636-9567.

### Physician assistant training

The fiscal year 1998 physician assistant training program has been released. Applications are due to the military personnel flight classification and training office by Jan. 2. For more information call SSgt. Rachel Cox at Ext. 3623.

## Air Force birthday bash

The Air Force 50th anniversary celebration begins at 3 p.m. Thursday in the Wings of Liberty park with a kick-off ceremony open to the entire base. Parking will be very limited so plan accordingly.

A 50th anniversary birthday party begins at 3:30 p.m. at the RAF Lakenheath High School football field. At 4 p.m. participants will sing the Air Force song. There will be a top-40 disc jockey, a mechanical bull, radiocontrolled cars, tug-of-war competitions, a bungie run, bouncy castle, clowns, magicians, and other children's activities. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and soda will cost 50 cents each and there will be a 12-sheet birthday cake for dessert. The event is open to all identification card holders, base employees and their families. For more information call Ext. 5179.

#### Auto crack

An Auto Crack Crime and Vehicle Watch display is from 2 - 4 p.m. Monday at the base exchange. People can get their vehicles registered with Vehicle Watch, and get their car stereo equipment engraved for security protection. The event is sponsored by the 48th Security Forces Squadron and the Suffolk Constabulary.

# Chili cook-off

A chili cook-off is Thursday at the RAF Lakenheath High School football field. The chili will be judged at 6:30 p.m. First place wins \$500, second - \$300, and third - \$200. Chili booths will also be judged. The best booth will be awarded \$150, second-best wins \$100 and third wins \$75. Entry forms are available at the RAF Mildenhall Community Activities Center. For more information, call Ext. 89-2579.

## CGOC meeting

The next company grade officer's council meeting is 4:30 p.m. today at the officers' club. Call Ext. 2499 for more information.

### USAF 50th anniversary decanter

The 48th Services Squadron is selling the 48th Fighter Wing U.S. Air Force 50th Anniversary souvenir decanter at the Liberty Club and officer's club.

There are only 600 and cost is \$22.85. For more information call Ext. 2613.

## Birthday meal

The Knight's Table Dining Facility is serving an Air Force 50th Birthday meal 3:30 - 6 p.m. Wednesday for all authorized meal card and cash customers. For more information call Ext. 3632.

#### RAF Molesworth bazaar

The RAF Molesworth bazaar is from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sept. 20 and 21 at RAF Molesworth in Cambridgeshire, between Huntingdon and Kettering near the A14-B660 intersection. More than 80 merchants will be selling furniture, antiques, collectibles, arts, crafts and more. Both sterling and dollars will be accepted; admission and parking are free. Signs to the bazaar will be posted from the A14/B660 intersection.

#### British-American Fair

An information fair is from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sept. 24 in the Galaxy Club ballroom. More than 30 information tables will be set up with information on British and base referral agencies as well as information on services in the local area. Agency representatives will be present to answer questions. There will be information about counseling services, environmental issues, job opportunities, hotlines, legal aid, dispute resolution services and more. Both off-base and base agencies will be represented. The fair is open to the communities of RAF Mildenhall, RAF Lakenheath and RAF Feltwell. For more information call Chris Lawson at Ext. 3847 or Sharon Utley at Ext. 89-3406.

#### OCSC bazaar

The annual officers' and civilians' spouses' club holiday bazaar is Oct. 3 - 5. There will be more than 190 vendors in three hangars. The bazaar is open from 6 - 8 p.m. Oct. 3 to military identification card holders and to the public from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Oct. 4 and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Oct. 5.

#### Air Force contest

The Air Force annual artist-craftsman contest is this month. Entries are being accepted by the arts and crafts center Sept. 21 - 25. The photography contest is in Oct. and entries will be accepted Oct. 5 - 10. Call Ext. 2194 for more information.

#### Comic book, card fair

A sports card and comic book fair is from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sept. 20 at the community center. Entry is free. Vendors can sign up for tables in advance. Cost is \$10. The fair is open to all identification card holders. For more information call Ext. 2221.

## Great Pumpkin help needed

Any squadron or booster club interested in selling food, providing a game, or volunteering during Feltwell Elementary School's Great Pumpkin Carnival Oct. 31 should call Linda Paladini at 01842-828671 or Janita Brown at 01953-885818.

# **Chapel services**

#### **Catholic services**

Daily Mass

Monday 5	p.m.
TuesdayNo	mass
Wednesday11:30	a.m.
Thursday5	p.m.
Friday 11:30	a.m.
Saturday Mass5	p.m.
Sunday Mass9:30	a.m.
Sunday Mass at RAF Feltwell 11:30	a.m.
Religious education classes-Feltwell school	
cafeteria (Sunday) 10:15	a.m.
Religious educational classes-RAF Lakenheat	h El-
ementary School (Sunday)11	a.m.
Protestant services	
Liturgical service (Sunday) 8	a.m.
Shared-faith service (Sunday)11	
Gospel service (Sunday) 1	
Shared-faith service at Feltwell	
Sunday school at Feltwell9	a.m.
Denominational - Lutheran Wisconsin S	ynod
(First Sunday each month Feltwell) 1	p.m.
Denominational - Assemblies of God Sunday	Night
Live (Sunday)6	p.m.
Denominational - Grace Bible fellowship	
(Sunday at Feltwell)4	p.m.

#### Islamic services

Islamic Circle ...... Thursdays, 5-6 p.m. For details, call Maj. Laurence Brown at Ext. 2810

(Wednesday at Feltwell)......7 p.m.

Sunday school at Lakenheath Elem......9:30 a.m.

#### Jewish services

Services are held at the RAF Mildenhall chapel on the first and third Fridays of the month at 6 p.m. The officiating rabbi is Chap. (Maj.) Brett Oxman. Call DSN 238-2822 or (01638) 542822 for details.

## Orthodox (Christian) services

Call Lakenheath chapel at Ext. 3711 for details.

## For emergency

For emergencies during duty hours call Ext. 3711 or the base command post at Ext. 4233 after duty hours. For information on services in the community, call Ext. 3711.

# **Sports notes**

# Men win Final Four

The Lakenheath Eagles men's softball team won the U.S. Forces in Europe Army-Air Force final four tournament held in Germany Sept. 6 - 7.

The Eagles played Kaiserlauten (Ktown) and the Ramstein Rams, winning both games, 17 - 15 and 14 - 9. They played the final game Sept. 7, defeating the Ramstein Rams again to take the championship 14 - 9.

# Cycling championship

The 1997 European Military Cycling Championship is Sept. 20 - 21. Entries are due by Monday. For more information call Ext. 2391.